

An Explanation.

MR. EDITOR:—We wish to correct an idea that has gotten out at Wien. The old correspondent to the *Courier* did not send the report that a Spanish flag was to be hoisted to the breezes at that place. Perhaps some crank over there talked of it, but Wien is loyal to the U. S. and they claim they came to our country for religious and political freedom. I think the communication published in the *Courier* of May 27th was intended more for joke than anything else.

S. C. SHARP.

A Card from Wien.

Whereas, there was an item in the *Lagonda* correspondence of the *CHARITON COURIER* of May 27th, 1898, reading in part as follows:

"Unlike the people along the New England coast our folks do not realize the possibilities of modern warfare, or they would keep their silver packed and be ready to step out or get under the protection of the Spanish flag at Wien."

We, in mass-meeting at township convention, hereby denounce this assertion as a malicious slander and falsehood and a blot on the fair name of our people, who are as loyal and patriotic to their country as any people can be; and we also state that notwithstanding that we are remote from the coast, we are fully aware of the current events of the day, and that whenever the occasion arises we will be found ready to serve our country.

A. C. STEFFES, Chairman.

JOHN BECKER, Secretary.

J. N. GIPSON, Chairman of Convention.

ALBERT SCHUETZ, Secretary of Convention.

Newhall Nuggets.

Farmers are all busy planting corn.

Mrs. Mike Manheart is very low with typhoid fever.

Misses Mary Fuller and Maggie Meeks are on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller spent Sunday with Dr. West and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Veal were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. West Sunday.

Sterling Asbury Sundayed with his brother, Dr. L. M. Asbury, and family.

Miss Katie Bills visited her brother, J. W. Bills, and family last Saturday and Sunday.

Maupin school closes, Friday, with an entertainment under the excellent management of Miss Anna Couch.

Quite a number of our young people contemplate attending children's day at Saloom chapel next Sunday.

We wonder why Fred Garrett was seen riding through Mike smiling so wearily last evening? We guess Otilla was there.

We would like to know why a certain young lady smiles so sweetly of late? "Oh, Renia, remember what I say, and be true, dear."

Namrath Notes.

Here once again.

Crops very backward on account of so much rain.

Miss Ida Kruse visited Miss Bessie Elliott, Sunday.

Ask Miss Lillian how much beef an elephant can eat at one meal?

The Missouri and Chariton rivers are on another 'high lonesome.'

S. W. Botts, wife and daughter made a flying trip to Dalton, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brandt, Jr., visited at S. W. Botts' last Thursday.

Mr. Grotjan of Bowling Green prairie visited Mrs. Kuhlman, Sunday.

Henry Noll and Miss Lillian Fleming visited the Misses Botts, Sunday.

Wonder if a certain young man got left last Sunday night? How about it, Lewis?

Wm. Johnson of New Frankfort visited his fair one in this community, Sunday.

Ask a certain young gentleman if he is afraid in the dark? He will be sure to say no.

Misses Bessie Elliott and Ida Kruse, accompanied by Lee Chitty, made a trip to Brunswick, Thursday.

"Grandma" Goll, who has been very low with heart disease, asthma and dropsy, is better at this writing.

Miss Ida Kruse returned to her home, Saturday, after a few months' sojourn in Dalton. We welcome her home.

James Perkins and Claude Webb, two dashing young lads of Bowling Green prairie, visited in this vicinity, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rennahan and little sons visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brewer of near Keytesville, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tillerson of near Salisbury passed through this community, Saturday, en route to Rockford to visit the latter's sister, Mrs. S. B. Heiman.

Wm. Doyle of Kansas is the guest of B. F. Barnes at this writing. Willie formerly resided with Mr. Barnes. He walked the entire distance with the exception of about nine miles. He arrived, Friday, none the worse for his long walk.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fleming and daughter, Lillian, went to Keytesville, Tuesday, and owing to the rain they were the guests of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Geo. Shively of near Keytesville, Tuesday night. They returned home, Wednesday.

Salisbury Scribbings.

Alex. Cleaton reports the arrival of a new girl.

Dr. T. J. Moore has treated himself and family to a new survey.

We will soon have a wedding to report, if the present plans are carried out, but can't give names now.

The corps of surveyors arrived here, Thursday, surveying the Brookfield and Salisbury railroad, that is to be.

Prof. Pratt and family are attending a family reunion in Linn county. They will return the latter part of the week.

Spring chickens are ripe, but the price is out of the reach of the pencil pusher. The chickens are low enough, however.

Wm. Potts has built an addition to his residence property on Third street and so remodeled the old part as to make it all new.

The warm weather has warmed up the blood of some of our people and fights are reported, but no particulars have been received.

Corn planting will be over by the last of the week. Our farmers are almost too busy to eat or sleep. Wheat is only tolerable and will not be a fair crop.

Commencement exercises of the N. M. A. are going on this week, but the usual excitement does not seem to be present. The annual sermon by Eld. W. T. Henson and the literary address by Dr. Williams were features, Sunday and Monday. Many visitors are in attendance and we will not undertake to name them.

Dalton Doings.

Jos. Miles is giving his store-room a new coat of paint this week.

Capt. Benecke of Brunswick was here, Thursday, on legal business.

Waiter Herring received one car load of cattle to feed for the St. Louis markets.

T. J. Martin and Tom Elliott, Jr., were over from Keytesville, Thursday, on business.

Dell Willis was in Dalton this week tuning organs and pianos. He gave good satisfaction.

Jos. Miles was in Kansas City, Thursday, buying goods. His good wife looked after the store during his absence.

P. Carskadon and Bennie Brewer spent the first part of the week in Fayette, returning home, Wednesday. They report a good time.

W. A. Kraxberger, Dr. A. S. Talbott and J. G. Payne attended the I. O. O. F. lodge at Keytesville, Monday night, the doctor taking his last degree.

A. W. Morrison of Fayette, brother to Dr. C. S. Morrison one of Dalton's M. D.'s, was here buying mules the latter part of last week, and was paying in good prices.

The Modern Woodmen of America camp at this place is going to have a picnic some time in July, and the boys are preparing for a good time. All Woodmen and families and everybody else are invited.

Chas. Keyser is shipping out his old corn crop of 800 barrels that he

sold to J. H. Summers of Clifton Hill. He also sold Gus Korff 400 bushels. Mr. Korff is feeding one car load of cattle and one of hogs near Mr. Keyser's.

Miss Dollie Cox, who has been in Montana for the past year with her sister, returned home, Friday, and is stopping at her sister's, Mrs. Embra Harding's. Miss Dollie's parents moved a short time ago to Siloam Springs, Ark.

There will be a Sunday-school picnic given by the good people of Dalton neighborhood in Sasse Bros' pasture, June 15th. Committee on arrangements: Geo. Burksath, John Bucksath and Fritz Meyer. For further particulars inquire of committee.

At the meeting of Democratic voters of Bowling Green township last Saturday the following proceedings were had: Township Committee—man E. P. Moore called the meeting to order. On motion, O. B. Anderson was elected chairman and T. H. Carskadon secretary. M. T. Davenport, C. C. Webb and H. S. Freeman were duly elected delegates to county convention held in Keytesville, June 7th, 1898. O. B. Anderson, Jos. V. Whitesides and T. H. Carskadon were appointed alternates. E. P. Moore was unanimously re-elected township committeeman for two years. We congratulate Mr. Moore as this makes the fifth term he has served as township committeeman.

Lagonda Lore.

Children's day was a success last Sunday.

Elder Theo. P. Mayhugh of Barryville talked to the people at the Christian church, Sunday.

'Squire Ramsey of Bysumville brought up his family to spend two days calling on his many friends.

Marshal Rice, wife and baby are here on a week's visit to their father. Marshal is burning lots of powder.

Dr. Tripper is off for a few days' visit to his parents at Purdin. The doctor has a large practice and seldom gets away.

Benedict Bismar and wife of Wien came over to our town to see the doctor. They are among Wien's oldest citizens.

Mike Murmurs.

J. O. Smith visited homefolks, Sunday.

F. M. Smith made a business trip to Marceline, Tuesday.

Johnnie Mayhugh visited homefolks near Mendon, Sunday.

Mrs. J. Duvel and daughter, Miss Fannie Bills, went to Marceline, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Littrell were the guests of John Atterbury and family, Sunday.

Victor Smith has a habit of turning his face towards the east, especially on Sundays.

Aubra James has treated himself to a new buggy. Now, girls, smile ever so sweetly.

Rudy Isle of Dean Lake spent several days this week with his sister, Mrs. Guy Asbury.

Peter Smith is having the interior of his house repainted. P. J. Smith is doing the work.

Oscar Smith had a "flower" in his possession, Sunday last. Oscar seems to be very fond of flowers.

George Hains is having his house repainted. Tony Kaehl and Fred Garrett are doing the work.

We are sorry to learn that John Mayhugh's fine saddle horse died of spasmodic colic the other day.

A crowd of young folks spent a very pleasant evening playing croquet at Mr. Oscar Grubb's, Sunday last.

Arthur Dodd of near Mendon and T. J. Berney of Hamden attended services at St. Joseph's church, Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Miller and son, Emory of Sumner, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Frame and daughters, Misses Mary and Lou, were the guests of S. P. Logan and family, Thursday. "Grandma" Logan accompanied them home.

Mrs. Dr. West and daughter, Miss Gladys, spent last Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon of Rothville.

A great many of the farmers in this vicinity are buying corn, paying 48 cents per bushel. Corn bread will soon become a high-toned dish.

Services at St. Joseph's church were well attended, Sunday last. The regular pastor, Father Ubaldus, delivered an eloquent sermon on the "Blessed Trinity."

Jim Kelly, J. O. Kelly, J. McGowan and John Ford were fishing at Hardin Scott lake, Saturday. They say they caught a buffalo, but that sounds rather "fishy".

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maid of Fertile, Minn., are spending this week with the latter's sister, Mrs. Wendel Thome. Mr. Maid is a train dispatcher at Fertile.

My Early Experiences in Keytesville.

DEAR *COURIER*:—For some I have thought of writing a few articles concerning my experience in Chariton county far back in the first half of the seventies. I arrived in Keytesville in March, 1871, and it came about in this way. During the war Rev. George W. Hyde was chaplain at a convalescent hospital at Huguenot Springs on the south side of James river about 12 or 15 miles above Richmond, or about two miles north of the home where the Senior Hancocks, now of Chariton, were raised. I resided in the region, and Bro. Hyde and myself met and our acquaintance grew into true Christian friendship. In the summer of 1863 I aided him in a meeting of many days among the soldiers and many of them turned unto the Lord. This meeting strengthened the tie between us and a correspondence sprang up. Later I went to Lee's army to preach to the men on the lines and I saw no more of Bro. Hyde. He remained at his post till the collapse came, when he gracefully retired in good order to Dr. C. Tyree's who married his mother's sister. I fell back to Appomattox court-house and there I seemed to lose my identity for a season. I returned to my old home 50 miles west of the place of surrender, and as soon as the way opened Elder Hyde returned to his Missouri home near Keytesville. His description of the country, his accounts of shooting ducks, turkeys, geese, deer and prairie chickens greatly fascinated me while at the hospital. In the summer or fall of 1865 I secured his address and renewed our correspondence. My desire was earnest to visit, see and perhaps abide in the West. I was not old, and was still unmarried and I often craved to "go West" and cast my lot with some fair one among strangers. But work grew upon me in Virginia and I was almost bound to wait and hearken to the loud calls of duty among my own people in dearly loved and afflicted old Virginia. January of 1871 found me free to turn my face to the West, but in the meantime I had married and so had my friend, Hyde, and was then living in magnificent style in Cooper county with the parents of his wife, Judge Bennett Clark and wife, two noble spirits who have since crossed the river.

My wife did not like the idea of going so far from Virginia as was Missouri, so I stopped a few days in Kentucky and preached 10 days in Evansville, Ind., and then turned towards Missouri. I crossed the Mississippi one cold night about 10 o'clock, and by the advice of the conductor I slept at the Barnum hotel. There was no Union depot then and I went very early that cold January day to the depot of the Missouri Pacific railroad. The snow was towards a foot in depth and the breezes seemed to leap right off the north pole. Just before night I landed at Buncheon in Cooper county some 3 or 4 miles from the home of Bro. Hyde. I was desperately anxious to meet him—more than six years had passed since we parted in Virginia during the dark days of carnage. The question was how to find a conveyance, but two young men in a sleigh offered me a seat and we started. They had two fast ponies and Jehu was a poke as a driver compared to them. When we were in half a mile or more of my objective point the frail machine on which we were riding struck a stump or some other enemy of weak sleighs and the machine went to pieces and we were scattered across the road in the deep snow. We arose and pulled our fragments together, but the wreck of the riding machine was complete. I shouldered my valise and made the trip afoot. I knocked at the door and Judge Clark opened it and gave just the welcome that made me one of the family so long as I was under that roof. Then George Hyde came down stairs and we stood and shook hands and made many earnest remarks about our joy at meeting again I never will forget the joyous experiences in that happy family. A jolly time we had and bright were the days that ran by far too rapidly for me. Brother Hyde kept an oversight about the fowls and he had over 100 turkeys and more than 400 hens and about 80 roosters, and every day saw more than one neck lose its fastenings, and the best cooks this side of the Atlantic ocean. I was there and there abouts till the middle of February, for it was January 27th, 1871 when I arrived. I then went to Lexington, Mo., and aided in a meeting for two or three weeks. Keytesville Baptist church had no pastor and as that is Hyde's old home and he had arranged for me to visit the church, and on the 3rd Sunday in March, 1871, I preached my first sermon in Keytesville. I have just now come to the place of some recollections and I'll save that part for another paper.

HARVEY HATCHER.

Died.

June 5th, 1898, near Keytesville, of the dread disease, consumption, Mrs. Mary E., beloved wife of J. S. Beverly, col., at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Christopher. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. D. S. Sawyers at the Baptist church, Monday, June 6th, at 2 o'clock p. m., after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest in the City cemetery to await the dawning of the resurrection morn.

Mrs. Beverly's genial manners, her loving Christianity and abiding faith leave the legacy of a true life and a loving death to those who mourn her loss. She was a woman whom every one loved. She will be sadly missed by her many friends, but far more by the stricken family. As a wife, her heart was ever true and faithful; as a mother, her sympathies were tender and broad.

Mrs. Beverly was born January 1st, 1873; was married to one of our well-known citizens, J. S. Beverly, March 29th, 1893. She leaves a husband and two children—Lucillus, four years old, and John, the baby, one year and 11 months old; mother, father, four brothers, three sisters and a host of other relatives to whom she bade a Christian farewell.

Truly a good woman has departed this life. The bereaved husband and children have the sympathy of many friends, who pray that God will sustain them in their sad afflictions.

A FRIEND.

Epworth League Program.

Program of Epworth league for June 12th:

Discussion—1 Sam. 21-22.

Devotional Exercises.

David Eateth Hallowed Bread, Taketh Goliath's Sword, Feigneth Himself Mad.—Wilke Crawley.

Companies Resort Unto David at Adullam.—Leannah Minter.

Mezpath He Commendeth His Parents Unto the King of Moab.—Jennie Gaston.

Admonished by God, He Cometh to Hareth.—Eliza White.

Saul Going to Pursue Him, Complained of His Servants' Unfaithfulness.—Bud Courtney.

Doeg Accuseth Ahimelech.—Tillie Prather.

Saul Commandeth to Kill the Priests.—Joe Robertson.

The Footmen Refusing Doeg Execution.—Marietta Smith.

Abratha Escaping Brineth David News.—Guy Fennell.

Leader—Frank Plunkett.

Letter List.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Keytesville, Mo., post-office, June 10th, 1898:

Mrs. Susan Brooks, Miss Olive Shoot, Miss Laura Vaney, Mr. Buffthaer Williams, Mrs. Henry Williams.

When calling for the above letters please say, "advertised."

W. C. GASTON, P. M.

Intense Suffering

Caused by a Scrofula Sore which Appeared under the Chin—How a Complete Cure was Effected.

"When I was 18 years old I was bothered with scrofula. I was treated by physicians and took different kinds of medicine, but nothing would cleanse my blood and I almost despaired of a cure. A bunch appeared under my chin, as large as a hen's egg. It broke and caused intense suffering. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time I saw it was doing me good. I took seven bottles and now I am a sound man, and very thankful for the cure effected by Hood's Sarsaparilla." J. M. HOWARD, Woodland, Missouri.

"My little boy was weak and fretful and the least exposure would cause fever and make him very nervous. We gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla and he was soon improving very fast." Mrs. DAVID CAGLE, Pierce City, Missouri.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Insist upon Hood's; take no substitute.

Hood's Pills are prompt, efficient and easy in effect. 25 cents.

More Matrimonial Misery.

Benjamin Finney, col., of near Dalton has discovered that he was miseducated when he got married, and has instituted suit for divorce from his wife, Lovie J. Finney, at the ensuing July term of the circuit court at Salisbury. Benjamin narrates the following tale of domestic woe in his petition, which was filed in the office of Circuit Clerk H. B. Richardson, yesterday morning:

THE PETITION.

"Plaintiff states that on the tenth day of March, 1894, he was lawfully married to the defendant in the county of Chariton, in the state of Missouri, and continued to live with defendant as her husband from and after the day and year last aforesaid until the early part of the fall of 1895, the exact date this plaintiff does not now remember; that during all that time plaintiff faithfully demeaned himself and discharged all his duties as the husband of defendant, and at all times treated her with kindness and affection, but that said defendant, wholly disregarding her duties as the wife of plaintiff, did, in the fall of 1895, leave the bed and board of this plaintiff and remained away and absent therefrom without any reasonable cause ever since.

"Plaintiff further states that defendant, since she left plaintiff as aforesaid, has been guilty of such conduct as to make his condition as the husband of defendant intolerable, in this, that in the month of December, 1896, defendant went to Brunswick, Mo., and remained at the house of one Payne in said city for two weeks; that during this time Benjamin Vaughn slept with defendant nightly, and committed adultery with this defendant; that since which time defendant has committed adultery continually with other men, the names of whom and the dates this plaintiff cannot now state, but that during the month of January, 1898, defendant committed adultery with George Allen and Arthur Bruce, and continues to do so with these said parties and other men, the names of whom this plaintiff cannot now state.

"Plaintiff states that he is now a resident of this county, and has resided within this state one whole year next before the filing of this petition.

"The plaintiff prays, therefore, to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted as aforesaid with defendant, and for such other orders and judgments touching the premises as may be proper."

F. C. Sasse of Brunswick is plaintiff's attorney.

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Keytesville, Mo.